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1. In October and November 1952, the laboratory of the Keramisches Werk Hescho-Kahla in Hermisdorf manufactured 10,000 Manipern type magnet cores and, in late October 1952, informed the DHZ Elektrotechnik that it was possible to produce large specimens and that the factory was interested in increasing the volume of its production. A manager of the works requested that the DHZ Elektrotechnik recommend that the government authorize an allocation of Western currency. He stated that the laboratory was developing Manipern in a form suitable even for the smallest magnets required, e.g. in precision instruments. The DHZ Elektrotechnik estimated that it would need 500,000 magnet cores for the annual production of loudspeakers alone.
2. Zahn (fnu), formerly head of the laboratory of the Keramisches Werk Hescho-Kahla, who was a leading figure in the development of the Manipern magnet cores, has been employed in the HV Funk since about November 1952. He stated that he was in charge of the execution of a secret special task.

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